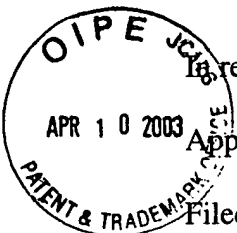


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I. Introductory Comments

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002, for which a response is due on or before April 17, 2002. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the one month extension of time fee of \$55 to Deposit Account No. 08-0219; and charge any other necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of the present application.

Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Rao for the courtesy and help he extended in the interview on March 25, 2003.